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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, GR
SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS INDICATES HE PLANS TO STAY

1. THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT RUMORS IN ATHENS RECENTLY
THAT FOREIGN MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS WILL SOON BE RESIGNING
(OR BE SACKED) FROM HIS POST. ON FEBRUARY 7, THE SEMI-
OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN CARRIED AN ITEM
ATTRIBUTED TO "AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE" DENYING THIS.
IN ADDITION, IN A CONVERSATION WITH ME LAST NIGHT,
PAPALIGOURAS GAVE EVERY INDICATION THAT HE SEES A BUSY
SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL AHEAD FOR HIMSELF AS MINISTER.

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2. PAPALIGOURAS SAID THAT :
(A) HE WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER ON HIS TRIP
AT THE END OF THIS MONTH TO CERTAIN WEST EUROPEAN CAPITALS
(LUXEMBOURG, THE HAGUE AND COPENHAGEN OR BERN HAVE BEEN
MENTIONED).
(B) HE WILL TRAVEL WITH CARAMANLIS TO THE WASHINGTON NATO
SUMMIT IN MAY.

(C) HE WILL BE GOING TO THE SOVIET UNION IN JUNE.
(D) HE WILL BE TRAVELING TO IRELAND ON BEHALF OF THE PRIME
MINISTER. (AFTER HIS UPCOMING WEST EUROPEAN TRIP, IRELAND
WILL BE THE ONLY EC COUNTRY THAT CARAMANLIS HAS NOT VISITED.)

3. COMMENT: REPORTS OF PAPALIGOURAS' IMMINENT DEPARTURE
FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY USUALLY MAKE REFERENCE TO HIS
ALLEGEDLY DECLINING HEALTH. ALTHOUGH HE NEVER LOOKS PARTI-
CULARLY WELL, LAST NIGHT HE STRUCK ME AS LOOKING SOMEWHAT
HEALTHIER AND NO MORE NERVOUS THAN USUAL. IN OUR CONVERSATION
HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO RUMORS THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING THE
MINISTRY, BUT BY LAYING OUT HIS SCHEDULE FOR ME HE SEEMED TO BE
TRYING TO PUT THEM TO REST.

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